

U. S. CRUISER SAN DIEGO SUNK OFF NEW YORK HARBOR

Circumstantial Reports Indicate That the Warship

NAVY DEPARTMENT REPORTS ALL WERE SAVED

United States armored cruiser San Diego was sunk not far from the entrance of New York harbor today. The German submarine and were giving battle. The explosions continued until after 2 o'clock, another explosion being

There also were reports tonight, though not confirmed, that other ships had been attacked, one being described as a coastwise passenger ship.

Whether there had been a toll of lives taken on the San Diego was not

No Excitement. According to the survivors there was no excitement after the explosion. The men were piped to their battle stations and they with valor and courage maintained the traditions of the navy. All were provided with life belts and the ship's boats were launched without mishap. Many of the

The San Diego was sunk at 11.30 a. m. about ten miles southeast of Fire Island light, which is off the Long Island shore about fifty miles east of New York.

The entrance to New York harbor and in the marine highway of trans-Atlantic ships bound in and out of the port.

Although the navy department announced that the cause of the loss of the San Diego was still undetermined, information received from reliable sources in the afternoon indicated that submarines had been operating in the harbor.

The gunners stood by until the last moment in the belief that the ship would be shot at by the submarine if it was a torpedo which had struck the cruiser. They leaped overboard just before the San Diego sank beneath the waves.

When the torpedoed boat had been located, the cruiser had been in collision also that she had struck a mine, and the reports were that the survivors landed on the Long Island shore more or less unharmed. The German submarine had been responsible. Inhabitants of the Long Island shore said that they heard gun fire and explosions at sea shortly before noon. The reports were that the survivors landed on the shore in three boats between three and seven p. m. at Point o' Woods, where they were taken to the hospital. They were given food and dry clothing after which they walked a mile across the beach to the shore where they were placed in automobiles.

Airplanes Put to Sea.

Several squadrons of airplanes and a dirigible were seen to put out to sea soon after word was received that the German submarine had been sighted. One of these planes, in a crippled condition, was seen being towed by a patrol boat. No information was avail-

The colors of the San Diego were rescued by one of the sailors who landed here. The flag had been lashed to a bit of driftwood and was being held aloft in the boat when it came ashore. The Jackie who saved the en-

from New York and other coast ports immediately upon the receipt of the news of the disaster and destroyers were also rushed to the scene.

Seven merchant steamers were reported to have responded to S. O. 7. The mails of the San Diego and shore wireless stations and to have stood by.

The men of the San Diego who had no opportunity to supply themselves with the help made improvised rafts of doors and other wreckage from the ship and noddied about until they were picked up. None of those who came here needed medical attention.

and it was believed that if there was any loss of life it was in the engine room and was caused by the explosion.

The sailors told of the heroic deeds of a quartermaster who had been ordered to stand on the bridge while the men were being sent to the boats. He remained on the bridge, they said, until it was too late to save himself or he saved. Just as the San Diego sank, they said, the quartermaster was seen to be waving to the hundreds of his comrades were floating about in boats and calmly

Woods, where he landed and got into communication with a wireless station, which he ordered to send out S. O. S. calls.

SAILED. Then he went down with his ship.

BRITAIN HAVING TROUBLE WITH MUNITION WORKERS.

Skilled Men at Coventry and Other Centers Threatening to Quit.

NAVY DEPARTMENT SAYS ALL ON BOARD SAVED

Men in Good Condition—So Far as

Known Men Injured.

Washington, June 19.—The navy department early this morning received information that two stevedores, which were not named, but which may have aboard 1154 officers and men of the United States cruiser San Diego. These are in addition to the one offi-

London, July 19 (by A. P.).—A labor dispute which may lead to a serious situation has been begun in Coventry and other centers, says an announcement issued by the ministry of munitions today. A large number of skilled munition workers, it is stated, have handed in notices which take effect next week.

Over thirty men previously reported landed. The men are said to be in good condition and so far as known none was injured.

**SOME OF ENGINE ROOM CREW
MUST HAVE BEEN KILLED.**

Declaration of Survivors of the U. S. Cruiser San Diego.

Point o' Woods, N. Y., July 19.—Survivors of the United States cruiser San Diego sunk ten miles off Fire Island, shortly before noon today, declared to-night that many members of the engine room crew must have been killed

the munition firms. This had brought about a great deal of misunderstanding which every effort was being made to remove.

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by the explosion which wrecked the warship. They were uncertain whether the vessel was sunk from a torpedo from a submarine or by a mine. The cruiser remained afloat thirty-six minutes after she was struck.

The torpedo or mine struck the ship

just a lot of friendship, blowing up the boats. One of the sailors declared the guns of the cruiser were fired at what appeared to be a periscope. The survivors who landed here numbered twenty-five, including six officers. The captain and first officer of the San Diego were the last to leave the sinking cruiser. In response to the suggestion of Governor McCall, telephoned to the state house from his summer home in Lancaster, N. H., that the city and state appropriately honor the victims of the capital ship disaster, the vicinity of the capital ship spread to all sections of the city and to the harbor where craft of every description took up the

Heavy explosions heard here late to-
retrain.